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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 4312

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, KU
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE KADF VISIT TO CONUS

1. DURING AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1976 BETWEEN CHIEF, USLOK AND KUWAIT AIR DEFENSE FORCE (KADF) PERSONNEL, THE KADF REPS BROACHED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR SENIOR KADF OFFICERS TO VISIT CONUS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THEY INDICATED THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT WOULD BE TO OBSERVE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE GOK IHAWK PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE NOT DEFINITIVE AS TO THE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES THEY WISHED TO VISIT, THEY MENTIONED INSTALLATIONS SUCH AS FT. BLISS, TX; LACKLAND AFB, TX; LITTON DATA SYSTEMS, VAN NUYS, CA; RAYTHEON CO.; ANDOVER, MA; THE PENTAGON; MICOM, REDSTONE ARS, AL; AND AN OPERATIONAL HAWK SITE.

2. SPECIFIC NUMBERS OR NAMES OF OFFICERS WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE VISIT WERE NOT INDICATED. HOWEVER, WE ASSUME THAT THE PARTY WOULD CONSIST OF 6-8 SENIOR KADF OFFICERS TO INCLUDE ONE OR TWO OF THE SECONDED EGYPTIAN ADVISORS.

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3. CHIEF, USLOK WAS NONCOMMITAL AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING THE PROPOSED VISIT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE SECONDED EGYPTIAN ADVISORS, THOUGH QUESTION OF EGYPTIANS DID NOT COME UP.

4. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANSWERING FURTHER KADF INQUIRIES ON THIS SUBJECT, REQUEST A COORDINATED STATE/DOD POSITION ON WHETHER THE PROPOSED VISIT WOULD BE WELCOMED AND, IF SO, THE PARAMETERS GOVERNING THE VISIT SHOULD THE GOK RECOMMEND THE SECONDED EGYPTIAN ADVISORS ACCOMPANY THE KADF PARTY.

5. COMMENT: QUESTION OF ACCESS OF GOK ADVISORS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ON IHAWK SYSTEM CONTINUES TO SURFACE IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER EGYPTIANS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN VISITING PARTY, KADF NEED FOR CLASSIFIED IHAWK MANUALS BECOMES MORE AND MORE URGENT. EMBASSY AGAIN URGES STATE/DOD TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM FAVORABLY TO AVOID IMPACT ON IHAWK DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE AS WELL AS OTHER POTENTIAL REPERCUSSIONS.
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